MILD SCARE FOR NERVOUS FOLKS

When Sudden Thunder Boomed, Skies Darkened, and Heavy Rain Fell at Sunset

SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH COMET'S TAIL

Many Persons Watched in Fear all Day and Night, Expecting Dire Results, while Others Prayed and Hoped for the Best-Not Even the Glow of Comet's Tail Located-Great Elack Spots on the Sun.

"The largest spot observed at Mare island was estimated to be 60,000 miles long and 20,000 miles wide."

Prof. Brennan Saw Thirty Distinct

Spots.

St. Louis, Mo., May 13.—Solar eruptions were observed this afternoon by Father Martin S. Breanan, professor of astronomy at the Kendrick seminary. He saw thirty distinct sopts on the sun. One of them he estimated was 150,000 miles in diameter.

"Three awful groupe" is the way that

"Three awful groups' is the way that ather Brennan described the spots. "The recurrence of spots at this time unusual, but there is nothing in it

Chicago Saw Three Spots.

considerably accentuated, were ob-served at the Yerkes observatory at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Portland Could Fnd But Two.

Portland, Ore., May 18.—Observers who examined the sun through power-ul telescopes today report two spots

Halley's Champion Wanderer.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 18.—A large number of miners employed by the Le-high Valley Coal company near Avoca refused to go to work today, fearing that Helley's comet might strike the

Thought End of World Had Surely

Chicago, May 18.—Three

The comet came, the comet went and this oid earth is no worse and no better, and thus far very little wiser. There was no collision, as the superstitious and the ignorant feared, and now that the comet is headed away from us, there will be no recurrence of the manifestations of terror that were recorded from all parts of the country and of the world.

The comet came, the comet went and atory at Mare island, tonight reported the following observation on sunspots:

"Great sun spots were noted at 4 p. m. today. The largest spot was slightly northeast of the sun center, and was made up of three parts roughly joined together by bridging, such as characterizes complicated spots.

Spots of the Whirlpool Type.

and of the world.

The earth did pass through the tail of the comet, but none of the auroral effects which some astronomers were willing to concede might be visible were in evidence. Nor did anybody sufforate from deadly cyanogen gas. Comet parties were held everywherein the streets, on rooftops, in gardens
—but for all that was visible to the
naked eye, the tail of the comet was
indeed "The veriest approach to nothing set in the midst of naught."

In fact the phenomena of the daylight hours yesterday were far the
more interesting. During the aftermoon sun spots were observed in varying numbers about the same hour
from five western observatories, but
the astronomers who recorded them
were almost unanimous in the belief
that they had nothing to do with the
spproach of the comet and were merels coincidental.

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this cause, it is likely to come about
Friday.

"The spots now seen are not believed to have any connection with the
comet and if any aurora or electric
effects occur, we probably should ascribe them to the comet rather than
to the spots on the sun.

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At Chicago and at Williams Bay, Wis, where is the great Yerkes tele-scope, the conditions for observations seemed the best, and the astronomers there were confident that the negative

whole performance took little more than five hours. Observers dif-fered as to the exact time at which the et's tail, but the general opinion av-erages a moment between 10 and 11 o'clock at night. The combined speed If the earth and the tail of the come as estimated at slightly more than 46 dies a second, and the breadth of the

AND DARKENING OF THE SKY

Anticipating Strange Happenings a Short Fright. nader, followed immediately by the ricening of the sky and a heavy carriening of the sky and a heavy downpour of rain, gave nervous folks who were anticipating strange happenings from the approach of the comet a mild shock at sunset tonight, but the moare was quickly over. After the shower the sky, which had been obscurred by clouds all day, was clear at the most but of all

ers were on duty, prepared to detect No Important Discoveries Expected. Prof. W. H. Pickering, director of the cheservatory, was gratified with the conditions following the clearing of the storm, but declared he did not expect to make any important discoveries.

The sky was so bright while the moon that the conditions of the condition

at the naval wireless stations of either Newport, R. I. or the Charlestown havyyard, which had been ordered to be on watch for evidences of any elec-

SOME NEW YORKERS PRAYED,

Up Cyanogen Gas. New York, May 18.—From the four great bridges across the East river, from the decks of ferryboats, from pier ends and wharves, from the islands in the harbor, from rooftops and for the entire length of the Riverside Drive, myriad footed Manhattan swarmed and clustered tonight in clotted black lines to peer into the west of the incandescent tail of the recoding comet. Some prayed, and all watched. Nobody carried salt, but a few tearried bottles in

ried sair, but a few carried bottles in which to seal up the atmosphere for future analysis. What these anayless will show cannot be forefold, but there were no bodily indications of byanogen by Vicient Disturbance on Sun's Face.

Word received from the west late to-day that violent disturbances had been observed on the face of the sun added that the curiosity of the crowd. conserved on the face of the sun added omers were liberally serenaded.

The curiosity of the crowd, who reasoned that if the sun were FIRE BALLOON FRIGHTENED susceptible, that was cause to believe the earth might be. Dr. Harold Jacoby, Rutherford pro-

fessor of astronomy at Columbia university, said tonight that the sun spots reported to day from various observatories in the west might be due to the passage of the comet across the face of the sun or they might be merely fortuitous.

passage of the comet across the face of the sun or they might be merely fortuitous.

The sun sport observed by Father Brennan, he said, 'is unusually large, memory serves me right. It would be impossible to say that the proximity of the comet to the sun is an application.

The sun sport observed hy Father Brennan, he said, 'is unusually large, and she will die. No arrests were made.

In another street of the comet to the sun is an application. In another street of the same quarters for the couner to the sun is what we call a sun spot. On the other hand, such spots have appeared in the past, when they could not possibly be attributed to a comet. And there you are.

"I shall be very much interested to hear the detailed reports of those observatories that watch the sun. Columbia does not observe the sun and we have nothing to record here."

Laymen were not wanting who argued that the showers of the morning on them from they could not possibly be attributed to a comet. And there you are.

"I shall be very much interested to be a comet. At the Standard Oil works in Bayonne, N. J., the unskilled laborers, mostly Italians, quit work for the day in a body and spent most of their time in church. They felt that if the comet should hit the earth theirs was an ill-chosen neighborhood to take chances in.

Laymen were not wanting who argued that the showers of the morning and afternoon were attributable to the presence of comet dust in the air. The cky was overcast for the greater part of the day and no observations of the sun were possible. But even if they had been the fact remainly that the greatest university center of the country is without a first-chast telescope.

Lineman William Mahoney of the Connecticut company met with a peculiar and painful accident on Wednesday morning about 6.30 o'clock while about to jump aboard a car at Shannon corner. His toe caught in the switch frog, throwing him up against the car step, tearing his trousers and peeling the skin off his leg clear to the knee, He was able to continue at work through the day, but with considerable Spots Are Not Believed to Have Any Connection with Comet. Vallejo, Cal., May 18.—Prof. T. J. J. The pawnbrokers of Great Britain ments at the United States naval observ- issue over 130,000,000 pleages a year, of gifts.

Cabled Paragraphs

Juvisy-sur-Orge, France, May 18.— M. Nau, an aviator, while flying in a monoplane today, fell from a height of thirty feet. He was frightfully bruised, but it is expected that he will survive his injuries.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—Alexander Guchkoff, president of the duma, and Count Uvaroff, a member, who settled a political quarrel on the field of honor on November 30 last, will, as a result, spent a part of the summer recess in imprisonment.

Southampton, May 18.—The steam-ship Adriatic sailed for New York to-day, having on board the first class passengers transferred from the cripled Kroonland, which put in here on donday. The Kroonland broke a shaft fter sailing from Antwerp on Satur-

JURORS LISTEN TO DETAILS OF BARGAIN FOR WHITE SLAVES Buyer George A. Miller Speaks in the Baldest Language.

New York, May 18.—Twelve jurors sat in a box today and heard the state's agent, George A. Miller, spread before them in the baldest language all the details of a bargain for white slaves, in which he swore he acted as have.

ouyer.

The case is the first brought to trial under the indictments recently handid down by the Rockefeller grand jury This seems to indicate that the disturbance is destined to last several days. It appears to be increasing in magnitude and to be of the vortex or whirlpool type, which often gives rise to disturbances of the earth's magnetism. The sun spots will recent the sun's ed down by the Rockefeller grand jury which for months has been investigating the traffic in women. A jury was found late today, and the trial began immediately, with Belle Moore, a mulatto woman, as defendant. Also under indictment with her are Aleck Anderson a negro, and Harry Levenson, who has turned state's evidence.

"I want young girls," Miller swore he told Belle Moore when he visited her in her flat after Anderson had introism. The sun spots will reach the sun's central meridian in another day or two, and if any disturbance of the earth's magnetism is to occur from

in her flat, after Anderson had intro-lduced him. "They must be under eighteen, and they must not weigh more than 100 pounds."
"I can get you bables, if necessary."
Miller testified that Belle Moore re-plied. Then he told in detail of how the girls later were exhibited and how he and his companion, "Frankie Full-er," inspected them as a buyer would

er," inspected them as a buyer would inspect a filly.

"Frankie Fuller" he described as a Radcliffe girl, one of the college graduates who helped him work up the state's case. Their identity has been kept secret. Champagne was served to her, he said, during their visit, because she could not drink beer. She posed as his principal, the owner of two houses in Juneau, Alaska, and desirous to extend her husiness to Seattle. to extend her business to Seattle.

The girls were acceptable and Miller testified that he paid \$120 each for them in the presence of Amy Jackson, another woman who aided him in makng his representations appear plaus

to cause uneasiness. It simply indi-cates internal activity. There is no possible connection between the comet and the sun spots. The comet is 80,-000,000 miles away from the sun and could not possibly have any effect on Belle Moore had asked \$150, he swore, "for her good work," but they beat her down \$30. Both the girls said to have been bought, Alice Milton and Belle Wood, were in court ton and Belle Wood, were in court during the testimony.

The cross examination of Miller was so severe that the court directed counsel for Belle Moore to show cause tomorrow why he should not be punished for contempt of court. Adjournment was not taken until tonight.

San Jose, Cal., May 18.—Prof. J. S. Rickard of Santa Clara colege meteorological observatory informs the Associated Press that today he observed two very large spots on the sun, both intensely black.

The astronomer said that one spot The astronomer said that one spot was about twelve hours from the central meridian. East of it were thirteen pores or small spots. These spots were entirely new he said, since for three months almost nothing in the nature of spots had been observed. Harriman-Rumsey Marriage New York, May 18.—It was learned tonight that the merriage of Miss Mary Harriman, daughter of the late E. H. Harriman, to Charles C. Rumsey of Suffalo will take place on May 26 at

UN WHICH WILL BE MANUFACTURED IN AUSTRALIA. Commander Clarkson Now at Hartford.

Australian naval forces is staying at the Hartford club while he is super-vising in the interest of the Australian government, work which the Pratt & Whitney company are doing for a plant to be established in Lithgow, New South Wales, says the Hartford WITH LIGHTED CANDLES Times. The Australian government is desirous of having a factory for the manufacturing of rifles independent of the British government, whose rifle factories are at a long distance from the island continent. comet, hundreds of Porto Ricans lest night paraded the streets of San Juan and other towns in Porto Rico, carrying candles and chanting prayers. Many of them also spent considerable time in the confessionals.

A large number of workmen failed to report today at the topacco factories and plantations, and the pineapple shipments have been curtailed because the laborers have refused to

The work is complicated by the fact that it is necessary that the rifles to be produced be interchangeable in all their parts and mechanism with the rifles which the British government is manufacturing.

rifles which the British government is manufacturing.

The make which is to be produced is the Lee-Enfield, No. 3, short, and is a fine weapon. Extra attention is being given the work here. The gauges are especially attended to and measurements are taken and followed to within a theory of the state of t within a thousandth of an inch.

The contract for work was signed August 14, 1909, and the work has been in progress for some time, this being Commander Clarkson's fourth visit here. The commander will remain here for about a fortnight longer and he is to return on a fifth visit. and he is to return on a fifth visit.

Commander Clarkson has traveled extensively and especially in the waters of the far east. He is interested in the development of manufactures. It is the supervising of the building of this machinery that A. C. Wright is now doing at Hartford, and he will go to Australia to direct the manufacture of the gun

SETTLED FOR DOG. C. A. Gager, IJr., Received \$37.50 for Animal Which Was Ground to Death

On Wednesday C. A. Clager, Jr., re-ceived from the Connecticut company a check for \$37.50 as recompense for the killing of a fine bound by an elec-

tiement was made to stop the suit. On Friday evening the Men's league the Second church are to meet in

Will Give Play in Jewett City.

The local east of fifteen people who recently gave a successful presentation of The Trustee under the auspices of Open House, have accepted an invitation to give the drama in Jewett City next week. It is probable that a number of their friends will accompany them next Thursday exemine to

on Wednesday evening, when she en-tertained five of her little friends at her home in Clairement avenue. The time was happily passed and refresh-ments erved. She received a number of site.

There Were Miles Auto Party Held Up On Milford Pike Of Mourners

Logs of Wood Placed on Road.

hat it was being repaired and when he machine was turned around it was ound that logs of wood had been placed on the road.

Road Roller as Obstruction.

Other Arrests Expected.

Complaint was made and Conti, wh

an the road roller, was arrested and dentified. He will be tried in the Or-

ange court Saturday morning and oth

FOR THIEVING BOOKKEEPER

eorge W. Coleman of National City

Bank of Cambridge Sentenced.

Keliher's trial on the charge of aid-ng and abetting Coleman in the lur-ceny of \$209,000 began as soon as the

FORCED HIM OUT OF BUSINESS.

fore Legislative Committee.

Charged With Smuggling.

Naugatuck, May 18.—At a meeting of the board of wardens and burgesses here tonight a petition was received asking the board to call a special meeting of the citizens of the borough for the purpose of conidering the changing, amending or repealing of the present charter. This is to be the first sten toward the securing of a city charter for the borough.

er arrests are looked for.

STILL IN LINE WHEN DOORS STONED BY A GANG OF ITALIAN WERE CLOSED AT 10 P. M. LABORERS.

THRONGS AT WESTMINSTER **ELLA WHEELER WILCOX, POETESS**

NORWICH, CONN., THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1910

Marched in Double File on Either Side One of the Complainants to Authorities of the Catafalque-Foreign Repre--Party Was Returning from Milford sentatives At King's Funeral. to New Haven-Henry Conti Arrested

London, May 18.—Thousands of peo-ple, marching in double file, on either side of the cutafaique on which rests the coffin of Edward VII, passed through Westminster hall today, and New Haven, May 18.—Through complaints made by a party of automobilists, one of whom was Ella Wheeler Wilcox, the poetess, Henry Conti was arrested by the authorities of the town of Orange late today, and is being held, charged with insulting and throwing stones at the automobilists. when the doors were closed at 10 clock tonight there were seemingly niles of people still in line.

Foreign Representatives Gathering. The automobile, which is owned by Mrs. J. D. Welch of Orchard street, in this city, and in which she and a party of friends were returning from Milford, was held up on the Milford turnpike and stoned by a gang of Italian laborers working on a state road. According to the occupants of the car the machine had proceeded but a short ways on the road when it was found that it was being repaired and when Throughout the afternoon Victori station was the scene of a constant stream of foreign representatives arriving for the funeral. King Albert of Belgium and King Manuel of Portugal were met by King George and his eldest son, the Duke of Cornwall. Other arrivals included the Duke of Aosta, representing King Victor Emmanuel; M. Pichon, the French minister of foreign affairs, representing President Pallières; and King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, the crown prince of Rumania, the crown prince of Servia, Prince Henry of the Netherlands, Prince Charles of Sweden, two Chinese missions headed by Prince Tsai Tao, brother of the prince regent, and representatives of various German principalities.

hinster hall after 16 o'clock tonight, hen the hall was closed to the public, o witness the lying-in-state, Quee fary accompanying the guests. German Emperor Lands Today. The German imperial yacht Hohe ollern arrived at Sheerness this eve

and tomorrow morning and proceed to The official programme of Friday's ceremonial, which was issued tonight, is a lengthy document, occupying five or six columns in the newspapers. Mr. Roosevelt, as special envoy of the United States, with M. Pichon, will ride in the eighth carriage in the procession.

TO BRING DOMESTIC EDUCATION TO THE FRONT. Report of the National Association

New York, May 18 .- John Kirby, Jr. Manufacturers today and after three days of business the association finally adjourned. Tonight the annual ban-quet was held at the Waldorf Astoria

and the association will meet in New York again next year.

A hit of sentiment was infused into the closing hours of the convention with the adoption of the report of the committee on industrial education. After dwelling on the necessity of adequate trade schools for boys, the report

says of girls:

"Since most women who engage in labor.

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The prison at Atlanta can only be others) are at least potentially wives and mothers, training for housekeeping and home management is believed to be an essential part of all their edu-cation, whether it be industrial or gen-eral, and this is a part that has been woefully neglected in our school sys-tem.

Charkson of the process is staying at while he is super-st of the Australian which the Pract & special effort to bring domestic education to the front and do everything possible to place it on a higher plane, are doing for a ablished in Lithgow, and says the Hartford ralian government is a factory for the first independent vernment, whose rifle a long distance from nent.

The young bank officer wept whose the clerk read the decision of the doubt new the clerk read the decision of the detertion room, even where his family and his sweetheart, and frifles independent vernment, whose rifle a long distance from nent.

Women and girls are employed in the land, and the second second to cheer him.

Women and girls are employed in the land, and the land.

"Women and girls are employed in mechanical occupations connected with nearly every industry in the land, and these occupations of women are not only affecting industry but the standard of womanhood and the home. It is therefore of the utmost importance that young girls who must work in shops and factories for a while shall be trained for occupations which do be trained for occupations which do not prevent development or incapaci-

LAKE MOHONK CONFERENCE. Proposed World League of Churches in Behalf of Peace.

Mohonk Lake, N. Y., May 18.—A let-ter from the archbishop of Canterbury, commendatory of the proposed world league of churches in behalf of peace. league of churches in behalf of peace, was read tonight at the Lake Mobonk conference on international arbitration. It was read by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, dean of Worcester, England, who prefaced his formal prayer with the communication. It is likely that the conference platform will endorse the peace movement of the churches of the British and German empires and will urge the churches of this country to join therein.

President Butler announced to the conference amid applause tonight the receipt of despatches announcing the acceptance of the United States, Erazili and Argentina as mediators in the dispute between Peru and Ecuador.

Besides Dean Ede, the speakers tonight were Paul Ritter, minister to Switzeriand, and Dr. L. S. Rowe of the University of Pennsylvania.

MRS. CHESEBROUGH'S TRUNK Point Military Academy. Wife of Owner of Coast Line Steamers

of the Second church are to meet in the parlors at seven o'clock for supper after which there will be music and brief talks, while a strong address on The Masculine Arm of the Church will be given by Lewis S. Welch of New Haven, The arrangement committee includes Ebenezer Allen, John Trankla and Frank A. Bill. The invitation committee is J. D. Haviland, H. J. Wyckoff, Noah Lucas and Arthur L. Peale.

Washington, May 18.—As the result of a decision announced today by Secretary Dickinson there will be a substantial increase in the corps of cadets at the West Point military academy. This in substance is that after March 2, next year, cadets may be admitted to the academy as successors not only of the cadets graduating in 1911 but also of the 1912 class, making a total increase of 85 original appointments over the usual number of admissions. Trenton, N. J., May 18.—Mrs. Matilda M. Chesebrough of Boston, whose husband owns a line of coast carrying steamers and who is said to be very wealthy, was placed on trial in the United States district court today on a charge of smuggling. Mrs. Chesebrough is charged with landing in Hoboken May 25, 1909, and falling to declare her dutiable articles, which consisted of fars, laces, etc. John B. Kiernan of the New York custom house was the first witness. He testified to

ander d nod nod noindriz chesebrough's trunks, which contained
is, in a false bottom. Mrs. Chesebrough and
that her husband were in court the entire
bineday. The trial will continue tomor-Washington, May 18.—Commande Silmer of the Puducah has served no ice on the commanders of the Madri command of the steamer Veins, that the threatened bombardment of Bine-

the city. fore held a lucky ticket on the stopping time of P. J. Morley's clock, was again the fortunate one on Wednesday evening. He took the first prize of \$2 and James B. Moody took the second of \$1. The clock stopped at 3.54.35, and the two winning tickets were 10.20.05 and 10.20.44 respectively.

Condensed Telegrams

President Taft Declared Himself

The First Annual Convention of the gun in Washington

The United States Has Suggested of Mexico the reference of the Cham-al zone case to a friendly power. The Citizens of New Orleans are making a strong bid for the exposition to mark the opening of the Panama

The War Department Estimates that it will cost half a million to raise the wreck of the Maine in Havana harbor,

Commander Peary Arrived at Vienna and will be presented with a gold medal by the Austrian Georgraphica

In a Fight Between Spanish repul-licans and the police in Valencia an officer was killed and many persons

The Man Who Committed Suicide

by drowning in Glen pond, Woodbridge on Monday, is now believed to have been Clifton R. Dridge of Fort Myers, The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South elected as bishops Rev. Drs. W. R. Lambutt, R. G. Waterhouse, Edward Manson, and James H. McCoy.

Assisted by the chauffeur, the five women in the party, including Ella Wheeler Wilcox, removed the logs, when a road roller was placed across the road. This the driver of the automobile succeeded in getting around, only to be met by a shower of sticks and stones, many of them striking the machine, but missing the occupants. Governor Fort Signed an Order dis banding Company E. Second regiment. New Jersey national guard. The dis-bandment was recently asked for by national guard officials on the ground

PANIC STRICKEN ON A SINKING EXCURSION STEAMER Uncle Sam Capsized in Missour River-No Lives Lost.

Kansas City, Mo., May 18.—Panic-stricken by the realization that they were on a sinking steamer, 150 men women and children struggled madi-to escape from the excursion steame Uncle Sam, which struck a sandbar and capsized in the Missouri river near Kansas City, today. Only the coolness of the crew prevented loss of life. The accident occurred in mid stream. Boston, May 18.—Of the three men who are held responsible for the larceny of nearly half the assets of the National City bank of Cambridge, George W. Coleman, the thieving bookkeeper, confessed his guit today and will serve fifteen years in prison, while his alleged accomplices, William J. Keliher and Wilson W. Lockhart, demand trial.

Keliher's trial on the charge of aidriver with the rapid current struck a large sandbar which crushed in the entire right side of the boat. The boat filled rapidly and men and

The boat filled rapidly and men and women began to scream and struggle with each other. The officers and crew were nearly swept off their feet.

The boat was headed for the bank, but before arriving it sank on one side, submerging balf the deck. A few persons jummed overheard but few persons jumped overboard, but the water being shallow they were rescued. Officers of the government steamer Missouri rushed their boat to the reacue In less than ten minutes after the boat sank every passenger was safely on the shore.

Debate on Railroad Bill Lasted All Session of Senate in the House.

of suits before the interstate commerce commission in the hands of the attor-ney general, but permits the commis-sion and shippers to intervene and even to continue the suit in case the attorney general withdraws. The period during which rates of railroad companies may be suspended by commission was extended from commission was extended from 60 to 120 days, on motion of Mr. Aldrich.

The debate on the bill lasted all the session and was marked by some sharp passages between Senators Rayner and Hughes and also between Senators Rayner and Elkins.

An early adjournment was taken to afford the democrats an opportunity to confer over certain propositions made to them by the regular republicans.

The house spent the entire day de-bating a bill to extend to the territory of Hawaii the laws of the United States concerning appropriations that are enjoyed by the territories within the United States. The bill was pass-ed baying been previously passed by Boston (May 18.—That he was forced out of the milk business by H. P. Hood & Son, Boston contractors, was the testimony of John M. O'Hara before the legislative committee which is investigating the milk situation at the state house this afternoon.

O'Hara said that he had been an independent contractor. When he was receiving 400 cans a day for which the was paying 25 cents per can, he said the Hood concern offered his producers 40 cents a can. As a result, he declared, his supply dropped to 58 cans.

The Hood company, he said, sold the milk in this city at 35 cents, and even

would be wiped out by fire, the flames were under control tonight and the damage was estimated at \$75,000. The mills of the Santa Clara Lymber company, where the fig first broke out at 3 o'clock this morning, were also saved, alphough the outbuildings were all burned. all burned.

Tonight a mammoth pile of wood pulp, said to contain 4,600 tons, was

still smouldering, but the danger wa

Insurance Branch of Grand International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Detroit, Mich., May 18.—Reports submitted today at the biennial con-vention of the insurance branch of the Grand International Brotherhood of HAD FALSE BOTTOM.

Her of Coast Line Steamers and With Smuggling.

N. J., May 18.—Mrs. Matilebrough of Boston, whose is a line of coast carrying did who is said to be very is placed on trial in the standard of trustees arrived with landing in Ho-

Well Known Hartford Citizen Dead. Hartford, Conn., May 18.—Danie Wadsworth, one of the best known o

At Antwerp, May 17: Finland, from New York. At Plymouth, Muy 18: Teutonic, from At Patras, May 12: Laura, from New York.

Meriden.—John S. Lane has denated of J. 51,000 to the building fund of the compact Salvation Army.

100 LIVES LOST AT PINAR DEL RIO

Ecuadorean Troops Are being rushed of the frontier in anticipation of hos- littles with Peru. Frightful Catastrophe in Rural Guard Barracks 108 Miles from City Of Havana

3,000 POUNDS OF DYNAMITE EXPLODED

Completely Demolishing the Barracks, a Massive Euilding of Spanish Construction-The Dynamite was Being Removed for Shipment to the Government Magazines in Havana-Remains Found a Mile Away,

Most of the Dead Are Rural Guards. Most of the dead were rural guards—but the entire families of saveral of the officers of the rural guard, it is reported, were also killed, as well as several employes of the public works department and residents of the

city, on which fell a deluge of me ry and debris from the blow building Relief Trains from Havana, It is not known yet whether the explosion was the result of an accident or was due to an act of conspirators, but the former hypothesis is considered the more probable. Several relief trains carrying surgeons, officers and men of the rural guard and government officials started this afternoon from Havana to the seasons. afternoon from Havana to the scene

been reported with the exception of Capt. Alfredo Ravena and Capt. Gas-par Betancourt of the garrison and their families, who are reported to be buried in the ruins of the officers quarters, adjacent to the barracks. Work of Removing Dynamite Was Go-

ing On. The barracks was a massive build-ing of Spanish construction and oc-cupied an eminence in the outskirts of the city to the north. During the late intervention it was the headquarters of Col. Parker's regiments, the Elev-enth cavalry. Adjacent to the barenth cavalry. Adjacent to the bar-racks was a long row of officers' quar-ters. Recently the barracks was oc-cupied by the public works depart-ment and four troops of rural cavalry. In consequence of the alarm over race disturbances the government ordered all densits of dynamics in the tries. all deposits of dynamite in the vicin-ity in the possession of contractors for road construction and other pub-

Havana, May 18.—Two almost simultaneous explosions of dynamite supposed to consist of 3,000 pounds, completely demolished the rural guard barracks in the city of Pinar det Rio today. Fully a hundred persons were killed, and nearly as many were wounded.

Cause of Explosion Not Determi-

a Mile Away. The work of exhuming the dead and searching for those who still may be alive, is going on tonight but it is greatly retarded by the destruction at the electric light wires and the fear that a quantity of unexploded dynamite remains in the rains.

Great Anxiety in Havens. According to reports received here he mangled remains of victims were ound in the streets of the offy a mile s great anxiety in Havans, owing the fact that a large number of it ural garrison at Pinar del Rio recenly were sont from this city , where their families reside. General Monte-agudo, commander of the riral finand, left tonight for Phar del Rio with

ITALIAN PRIEST SLASHED. HE IS EXPECTED TO DIE Father Belizi Attacked in a Williams

burg Street by an Italian. New York, May 18.—The Rev. Fa-ther Angelo Belizzi, curate of the Italian Catholic church of Our Lady be the acme of perfection in the 18 50

letectives are searching the city for

CAPTAIN DE CRESPIGNY ENDS LIFE WITH PISTOL Gallant English Soldier and Noted Po lo Player Commits Suicide.

London, May 18.—Capt. Claude Champion de Crespigny of the Second Lige guards, a member of the Hurlingham club polo team that recently visited the United States, committed suicide by shooting today.

The captain was found, revolver in hand, seated at the roadside near Kings Cliffe in Northamptonshire, where he had been the guest of Lord

where he had been the guest of Lord The suicide is a son of Sir Claude Champion de Crespigny and was 37 years of age. He served with the British army in South Africa in 1899-1900, and with the West African frontier force in 1903. He was twice wounded and was twice recommended by his commanding officers for the Victoria cross because of deeds of con-spictious gallantry. He made many friends in America during the inter-

PERSISTENT LILIUOKALANI AGAIN MEETS DEFEAT In Efforts to Have Restored a Portion of Lost Fortune.

Washington, May '18.—Liliuokaiani, the former queen of Hawaii, has again met defeat in her efforts to have restored to her something of her lost fortunes. The court of claims of the United States has just rendered an opinion in the case of the former queen against the United States in which the demurrer of the government to her petition is sustained.

In this petition Liliuokaiani asked the court to render judgment in her fayor for \$450,000, or in lieu thereof, the rentals and profits derived from the so-called crown lands by the government of the United States.

More Privileges for Visitors to New York Stock Exchange.

New York, May 18.—The New York stock exchange has relaxed the se-verity of its rules, and it is now pos-It is now necessary to present a member's card to the office of secretary, who then issues a pass change was made today.

San Francisco, May 18.—Stepping from the elevator in the hotel while the cage was in motion, Joseph Griffin, a millionaire, of St. Thomas, Ont., was crushed to death today. Griffin was 70 years of age. He was a brother of J. Y. Griffin of the meat packing company of that name of Vancouver, E. C.

NEW BATTLESHIP MICHIGAN

ON MEASURED MILE COURSE

Made Fine Showing. coroner Ginner was summoned to take his ante-mortem statement. The assailant of the priest escaped.

The attack is believed to have been in some way a sequel to a christening in a parish, at which Father Belizzi officiated last night. The police had no explanation, except the vague stateexplanation, except the vague statement that it was believed the man's jealousy had been excited by some incident of the christening. They have a good description of the man and belaware treakwater courses are not designed to bring out the full speed capacity of the several ships, but to demonstrate how much horse-

> ROOSEVELT SEEING LONDON dience With Norway's King.

London, May 13.—Colonel Research today had an audience with King Haaken of Norway, and met King George of Greece. With all the members of the American special embassy, he wrote his mane in the books of King Alfonso of Spain, Prince Henry of Prussia, Grand Duke Michael and other royalties. At hunch at Dorches-ter house he met Lord Landowns, Lord Cromer and other noted Eng-lishmen, while at dinner Lord and togother R. J. Cunningham, who was one of his hunting companions in Africa, and Marshal Seth Bullock. They have taken greatly to each other and are seeing London together. The colonel went with them to the shop of the taxidernist who is mounting same of his trophics and also gave the marshal a view of his guns.

ALBERT WOLTER'S SWEETHEART ents of the Murdarer.

New York, May 18.—Ratie Muetier, the sweetheart of Albert Wolter, sentenced to death for the marder of little Ruth Wheeler, is now living with Wolter's parents, and it is said to be their intention legally to adopt for Frank Meas, the assistant district at go to his parents, she said tedsy, "and I shall always stay with them-that is, as long as they will let me."

Mrs. Wolter says the girl is indus-

Failed to Pass New York Senate.

struction of a railroad between the city and Buffalo, in accordance with the ideas of Mayor Fitzgerald, was favorably acted upon today by the legislative committee on railroads. The bill provides for an investigation of the matter upon which shall be based any future action by the ipsidance.

SOLAR DISTURBANCE